

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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POST OFFICES IN RURAL AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of post offices functioning in the country including rural areas alongwith the number of employees working therein, State-wise;
- (b) whether post office facilities have been provided in all villages in the country including Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) if not, the total number of villages where facility of post offices are yet to be provided, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has chalked out any scheme to open post offices in all the villages; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA)

- (a) The total number of Post Offices in the country is 1,55,035 (as on 31.3.2008) including 1,39,173 Post Offices functioning in rural areas. Total workforce (non-gazetted and Group B) of the Department is 4,96,387 including 2,80,802 Gramin Dak Sevaks (as on 31.3.2007). State/Circle-wise break up of Post Offices and employees functioning therein is given in Annexure I and II respectively.
- (b)&(c) Postal facilities in terms of regular delivery of mail, clearance of letter boxes and sale of stamps/stationery at the doorstep of customers is provided in all the villages of the country including Uttar Pradesh. However, 4,61,355 villages in the country are without Post Office including 84,670 villages in Uttar Pradesh Circle. State/wise details are given in Annexure-III.
- (d) & (e) Opening of Post Office is an ongoing exercise. Post Offices are provided in a phased manner on the basis of need, justification as per prescribed norms and availability of resources. During the Eleventh Five Year Plan, there is a target for opening of 3,000 Post Offices in the villages subject to availability of Plan Support/sanction of Gramin Dak Sevak Posts.